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# The Carolina Command and Commentary

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### Game Starts:

*Diplomacy:* Starts this issue; see page 6

*Acquire:* Have one, need three

*Outpost:* Have three, need two or more

*Destroyer Captain:* Continual openings.

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## Random Notes

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Welcome to the 104th issue of CCC. This issue is brought to you by the letter M (the only key to ever stop working on my old computer...) and the number 471. We have the usual bill of fare; the games — one more of which ends this issue, a ship history, and the letter column. Of course, you are bad readers; not enough of you have signed up for games so you must be punished: you may read, if you so dare, a bad-sort-of-love poem on page 4. Your comments about this, and all other zine related matters, are, as always, welcome.

This issue is dedicated to two of my friends, Jimmy Turner and Melanie Pirie, who have managed to get their in the local paper for all the wrong reasons. Jimmy was killed on July 18 in a car crash; I had hung out with him (and the girl that was driving the car) until 5:00 am the previous Friday night. He was suppose to meet me at Gallery Crawl (the art galleries stay open late the first and third Fridays of the month in Charlotte; this amounts to an excuse to hangout, drink beer, talk to friends, and actually, sometimes, look at art) on Friday the 18th, to return a tape of a radio show he had borrowed, and throw me some blank tape so I could record a few things for him...

Melanie, meanwhile, managed to get her name in the paper for a different reason: she was a crime victim who's attacker served too little crime and hurt someone else. Four years ago, Mel was driving home when a 17 year-old kid randomly attacked her in her garage with a baseball bat. Melanie suffered multiple skull fractures and permanently lost her sense of smell. She was 18 at the time. Her attacker plead guilty to assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious injury and felony breaking and entering. *He served two years in jail.* He was just arrested for picking up three 14-year old girls, taking them to a deserted area, making them strip, beating them, and raping at least one of them. He is the prime suspect in two other kidnappings. Does this anger and sadden me? More than you can imagine.

Before we get to the letter column, a few hobby-related notes. DipCon this year is the week-end of August 22 - 24 in Seattle. For more infor-

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# The Washington Naval Treaty

As World War I ended, both Japan and the United States had recently started large scale naval build-ups, inspired both by the war and their own ambitions. The British response, by the early 1920s, was inevitable; no other power could be allowed to rule the seas, so a new ship building program was on tap as well. A new naval arms race was forthcoming, which, ultimately, none of the powers involved could really afford. The extreme human cost of World War I had also produced a desire for a lasting international peace. In 1921, the United States invited Great Britain, Japan, France, and Italy to a conference in Washington to limit future naval construction. An international agreement to restrict ship building was soon agreed to; this became known as the Washington Treaty.

The Washington Naval Conference of 1921-1922 was the first modern arms limitation agreement. The conference defined what constituted a "capital ship" (essentially, a battleship or battlecruiser): either a displacement of over 10,000 tons or guns over 8 inches in size. In addition, no capital ship could exceed 35,000 tons. A ten year moratorium was also imposed on new capital ship construction. A maximum total battle fleet strength limit was also agreed to for the United States and Britain. Japan was allowed 60 percent of this amount, while Italy and France were allowed 35 percent. As a practical matter, the United States was allowed to keep 18 battleships. The Royal Navy had 17 battleships and four battlecruisers, though its average age was higher and per ship fire power was lower than the American fleet. (Total guns: U.S: 24 16-inch, 104 14-inch, 44 12-inch, Great Britain: 100 15-inch, 78 13.5 inch, Japan: 16 16-inch, 80 14-inch.) Neither Italy nor France, countries whose large ship construction was essentially halted during the war, could fill their quotas with modern ships.

As might be imagined, there were a few exceptions to the general rules. Britain was allowed to keep the 42,000 ton battlecruiser *Hood*, and build two new 35,000 battleships (HMS *Rodney* and *Nelson*). Some, but not all, of the ships under construction could be finished. For the United States, for example, only three of the four planned *Colorado* class battleships could be retained. The

*Washington*, though three quarters complete and already launched, was sunk as a target to comply with the treaty.

Also covered by the treaty were aircraft carriers. Here a size maximum (33,000 tons) and total tonnage limits were imposed. The top three powers would be allowed to convert ships into carriers. For Britain, this meant the large, fast, underarmored "light battlecruisers" *Glorious* and *Courageous* would become carriers. The U.S. converted the incomplete battlecruisers *Lexington* and *Saratoga* into carriers, while Japan's conversions were the *Akagi* and *Kaga*. Carriers also could not carry guns over 8-inches in size. (The *Kaga*, *Akagi*, *Lexington*, and *Saratoga* were so armed.) The Washington Treaty imposed no limits on the construction of cruisers or smaller ships, other than the 10,000 ton and 8-inch gun limits.

Predictably, with battleship construction banned and carrier construction limited, attention turned to what could be built: cruisers. Britain, the United States, and Japan all had a severe need for large, ocean going cruisers, and no limits existed on such ships. (The Royal Navy, with vast amounts of ocean to cover, only had four truly modern ocean-going cruisers in service or under construction in 1922. The situation was worse in Japan and the U.S.)

The 10,000 ton/8-inch limit became, effectively, both a maximum and minimum size restriction in the 1920s: one could not build (legally) a ship over 10,000 tons, but there was little point in building a smaller ship, which would be outgunned by any possible enemy. The heavy cruiser, as such ships were called, became virtually the only type of warship built in the 1920s, with each navy building as many ships as they could afford.

So, far from ending naval arms competition, the Washington Naval Conference merely changed its nature, from a contest to create as big a battle fleet as possible to a contest to build as many big, fast cruisers as you could. The real constraint was just money. In the 1920s, Great Britain and the U.S. each built 15 heavy cruisers while Japan would build twelve (with several asterisks beside that number...)

— Michael Lowrey

## Poem of the Month

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*Her*

*(Written April 24, 1997)*

*She is there still  
In my heart  
In my mind  
Thoughts of her  
Her sweet long hair  
Her delicate waist  
Those eyes of azure  
That smile, that laugh*

*Her, dreams of her, in my mind  
Her beauty, her being  
In my mind, then and now  
Thoughts that won't disappear  
Thoughts of that person, that warmth, that aura  
Of her, of her long, skinny frame  
Her red ride, her flair, her fancies  
These thoughts, are still there  
In my heart, in my mind*

*When will these thoughts end?  
When will I, again, have life?*

— Michael Lowrey

# Drake Turn Eleven

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Deadline: Turn Twelve orders are due August 20.

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| David Hood      | Hickory Instellar Colonial Kingpins (HICK) |
| Keith Oschman   | Galactic Unicorn                           |
| Vince Lutterbie | Vince's Winches                            |
| David Partridge | Barsoom Project                            |
| Pat Conlon      | Spacehog                                   |

1. *HICK* opens the bidding on the Outpost. He is also the sole bidder (Mi16, Ti 11, Ti8, Ti7, Wa9, Wa7, Wa7, Wa6, Or5, Or2, Or1, Or1, 20 discount). *HICK* also transfers a man from ore to the freebie Titanium factory.
2. The *Barsoom Project* gets the Ecoplant upgrade for face value (Ti12, Ti12, Wa6). He takes advantage of this to buy two population factors cheap (Ti12) and man his ore plants.
3. *Spacehog* purchases a titanium factory (Ti9, Wa8, Wa6, Wa4, Or3) and transfers population from ore production to crew it.
4. *Vince's Winches* bids 50 on Robots and get them (Wa9, Wa9, Wa8, Wa8, Wa7, Or 5, Or4).
5. *Galatic Unicorn* buys a Water Factory (Wa8, Wa7, Wa5) and a population unit (Wa7, Or3) to man it.

## Factories/Upgrades

| Outpost                | Factories                         | Upgrades           | VP |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----|
| <i>HICK</i>            | OrF, OrF, 2xWaF, 4xTiF            | HE, No, EP, OL, Ou | 25 |
| <i>Barsoom Project</i> | OrF, OrF, WaF, WaF, TiF, TiF      | DL, Wh, HE, No, EP | 18 |
| <i>Vince's Winches</i> | OrF, OrF, WaF, WaF, WaF, WaF      | DL, DL, No, Sc, Ro | 14 |
| <i>Spacehog</i>        | OrF, OrF, WaF, WaF, TiF, TiF, TiF | DL, Wh, HE         | 11 |
| <i>Galatic Unicorn</i> | OrF, OrF, WaF, WaF, WaF           | Wh, Wh, HE, No     | 9  |

Purchase Order: *HICK*, *Barsoom*, *Vince's*, *Spacehog*, *Unicorn*

Colony Upgrade Cards Available: 2 Orbital Labs (50), 2 Robots (50), Scientists (40)

Notes: Minimum bids are listed in parenthesis.

New Proposals: A *HICK* win and start the game over.

GM's analysis: Production this turn (assuming no mega cards taken and an average draw): *HICK* 74, *Vince's* 44, *Spacehog* 44, *Barsoom* 40, *Unicorn* 24.

Press: Spacey-Barsoom: We may have to merge our companies in order to compete with the Hicks and Wenches.

Barsoom-Spacehog: Hey, I'm just trying to get one of each, but who has a chance with these moneybags around?

Your production cards are:

## Colonel Moran (91HK) Game Over

|                             |                 |  |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--|
| <i>Austria</i> <sup>3</sup> | Paul Rautenberg | 3116 W American Dr Greenfield WI 53221           |
| <i>England</i>              | David Partridge | 15 Elmer Dr Nashua NH 03062                      |
| <i>France</i>               | Frank Easton    | 1100 Wildrose Crest Pickering ONT L1X 2R3 CANADA |
| <i>Germany</i>              | Vince Lutterbie | 1021 Stonehaven Marshall MO 65340                |
| <i>Italy</i>                | Pat Conlon      | PO Box 1413 Mammoth Lakes CA 93546               |
| <i>Russia</i>               | John Daly       | 2650 Organ Church Rd Rockwell NC 28138           |
| <i>Turkey</i>               | Paul Milewski   | 7 Mallard Drive Amelia OH 45102                  |

### Supply Center Chart

|                |     |   |
|----------------|-----|---|
| <i>Austria</i> | (3) | bud, tri, vie                               |
| <i>England</i> | (7) | edi, hol, lon, lpl, mos, nwy, stp           |
| <i>France</i>  | (9) | bel, bre, mar, mun, par, por, spa, tun, ven |
| <i>Germany</i> | (4) | ber, den, kie, swe                          |
| <i>Italy</i>   | (2) | nap, rom,                                   |
| <i>Russia</i>  | (3) | rum, sev, war                               |
| <i>Turkey</i>  | (6) | ank, bul, con, gre, ser, smy                |

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Deadline: End game statements are due August 20.

Old Proposal: EF draw passes (4 to 0)

Notes: The Italian A Ser retreats to Alb. Congratulations to David and Frank on their draw.

Ordinarily I'd print the supply center; however I do not have the information prior to my taking over the game. Help!!

Press: Italy-France: F Apulia will support you into Naples.

London-Paris: Recent storms forced our fleet in the North Sea to seek shelter in Dutch ports, but we shall return to sea forthwith so the Lowlands shall stay ungarrisoned.

Sevastopol-Vienna: No, I blew it when I chose Partridge and Conlon as allies. If both of them hadn't stabbed me I would be doing fine.

Russia-Austria and Germany: My attacks on were honest and simply a follow-through of what my predecessor was doing before I took over the position. So quit sulking and go defend yourselves from the people who can hurt you.

## Konrad Adenauer (97??) Game Start

|                |                 |  |
|----------------|-----------------|--|
| <i>Austria</i> | Ed Rothenheber  | 11757 Love Tree Ct Columbia MD 21044     |
| <i>England</i> | Kevin Wilson    | 373 Gateford Dr Ballwin MO 63021         |
| <i>France</i>  | Matthew Matz    | 4805 Cara Ct Chester Springs PA 19425    |
| <i>Germany</i> | Timothy Scholl  | 829 South 13th, Apt 4 Lincoln NE 68508   |
| <i>Italy</i>   | David Partridge | 15 Elmer Dr Nashua NH 03062              |
| <i>Russia</i>  | Pat Conlon      | PO Box 1413 Mammoth Lakes CA 93546       |
| <i>Turkey</i>  | Doug Harper     | 1653 Allens Ferry Rd Smithville TN 37166 |

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Deadline: Spring 1901 orders are due August 20.

Notes: The Spring 1901 deadline will be extended by an issue (one month) at a single request.

## Eduard Shevardadze (97E) Winter 1902

|                |                  |   |
|----------------|------------------|---|
| <i>Austria</i> | Eric Mikulaninec | 2529 North Halsted, Apt N-1 Chicago IL 60614      |
| <i>England</i> | Steve Cooley     | 1064 Omar Rd Crownsville MD 21032                 |
| <i>France</i>  | Matthew Matz     | 4805 Cara Ct Chester Springs PA 19425             |
| <i>Germany</i> | Jim O'Kelley     | 664 West Irving Park Rd, Unit I6 Chicago IL 60613 |
| <i>Italy</i>   | Rob Hensley      | 1314 Joni Dr Louisville KY 40216                  |
| <i>Russia</i>  | Randy Davis      | 3019 Bertram Ct Concord CA 94520                  |
| <i>Turkey</i>  | Stephen Mayer    | 9454 Hawksmoor Ln Sarasota FL 34228               |

### Supply Center Chart

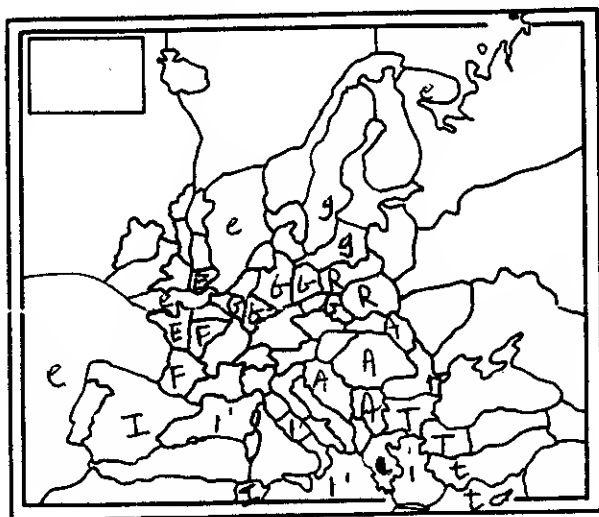
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|----------------|-----|-----------------------------------|
| <i>Austria</i> | (5) | bud, gre, ser, tri, vie           |
| <i>England</i> | (6) | bre, edi, lon, lpl, nwy, stp      |
| <i>France</i>  | (2) | par, por                          |
| <i>Germany</i> | (7) | bel, ber, den, hol, kie, mun, swe |
| <i>Italy</i>   | (6) | mar, nap, por, rom, tun, ven      |
| <i>Russia</i>  | (4) | mos, rum, sev, war                |
| <i>Turkey</i>  | (4) | ank, bul, con, smy                |

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**Notes:** Season separation by player request. Please note Steve Cooley's temporary COA. Press is on page 9.

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| <i>Austria</i> | Has F Gre, A Ser, A Gal, A Tri, A Bud                                   |
| <i>England</i> | Build A Lon. Has F Mid, F Eng, A Bre, F Nth, F Stp (nc), A Lon          |
| <i>France</i>  | Remove F Por, A Bur. Has A Gas, A Par                                   |
| <i>Germany</i> | Build A Ber, A Kie. Has A Bel, A Ruh, A Ber, A Kie, A Sil, F Bal, F Swe |
| <i>Italy</i>   | Build F Rom. Has A Tun, A Spa, F Rom, F Ion, F Aeg, F Lyo               |
| <i>Russia</i>  | Remove F Bot. Has A Pru, A War, A Ukr, F Rum                            |
| <i>Turkey</i>  | Has A Bul, A Con, F Eas, F Smy  |



# Arleigh Burke (96J) Spring 1908

|                |                |   |
|----------------|----------------|---|
| <i>Austria</i> | Pat Conlon     | PO Box 1413 Mammoth Lakes CA 93546              |
| <i>England</i> | Paul Milewski  | 8905 Second Ave 7 Mallard Drive Amelia OH 45102 |
| <i>Germany</i> | Melinda Holley | 1823 Enslow Blvd Huntington WV 25701            |
| <i>Italy</i>   | Stephen Mayer  | 9454 Hawksmoor Lane Sarasota FL 34238           |
| <i>Turkey</i>  | Steve Cooley   | 1064 Omar Rd Crownsville MD 21032               |

## Supply Center Chart

|                |     |   |
|----------------|-----|---|
| <i>Austria</i> | (3) | bud, mos, sev                               |
| <i>England</i> | (9) | bel, bre, edi, hol, lon, lpl, nwy, par, stp |
| <i>Germany</i> | (6) | ber, den, kie, mun, swe, war                |
| <i>Italy</i>   | (7) | mar, nap, por, rom, spa, tri, ven           |
| <i>Turkey</i>  | (9) | ank, bul, con, gre, rum, ser, smy, tri, tun |

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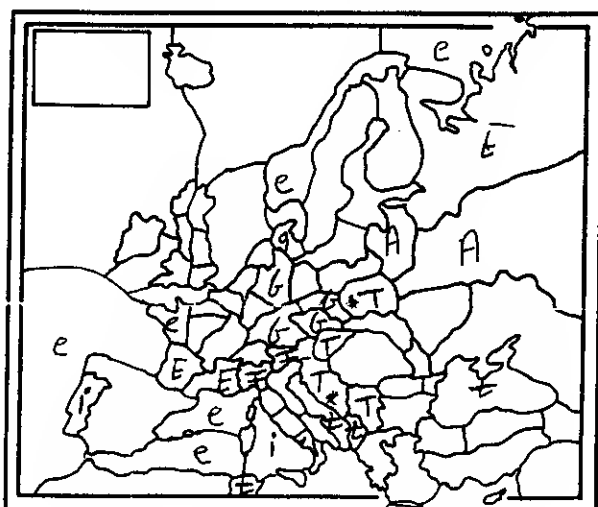
Deadline: Fall 1908 orders are due August 20.

Old Proposal: Turkish win fails (1 to 2)

New Proposal: ET draw Please vote. Not voting = yes.

Notes: Please note Steve Cooley temporary COA. Press is on page 9.

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| <i>Austria</i> | Remove A Bud. A Lvn S Turkish A Ukr-War, A Mos S Turkish A Ukr-War, <u>A Tyl-Ven (d. ann)</u>   |
| <i>England</i> | Remove F Hol. A Stp H, F Bar S A Stp, <u>A Gas-Spa</u> , A Bur-Mar, F Lyo S A Bur-Mar, F Mid-Wes, F Eng-Mid, F Pic-Bre, F Nth-Nwy                           |
| <i>Germany</i> | A Ber-Kie, F Den S A Ber-Kie, A Kie-Mun, A Mun-Boh, A Sil S A Mun-Boh, <u>A War H (d. boh, pru, otb)</u>  |
| <i>Italy</i>   | Build F Rom. F Nap S F Rom-Tyn, F Rom-Tyn, <u>F Tri H (d. apu, otb)</u> , A Ven-Tyl, A Pie S A Ven-Tyl, <u>F Por-Spa</u>                                    |
| <i>Turkey</i>  | A Tri r Vie. Build F Con. F Con-Bla, F Ion-Adr, <u>F Tun-Tyn</u> , A Ser-Tri, A Vie S A Ser-Tri, A Bul-Ser, F Alb S A Ser-Tri, A Ukr-War, A Rum S A Bul-Ser |





# Dispatches From the Front

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Arleigh Burke

Austria-World: I will let anyone order my remaining units for one turn if that person can show me a letter he received from Melinda Holley (written for this game).

Austria-England: Is a slew of standby positions one of the overlooked additional duties of a new pubber?

MPL-Austria: But at least it is a good standby position!

Austria-England: Who are you imitating: Holley or Guth?

Austria-Turkey: Dear Santa Claus, all I want for Christmas is a trip to Copenhagen. They make excellent lagers there.

Italy-Turkey: Why should I write press when you do it for me? England shouldn't have read what you wrote for me in last issue's press. \*Frown\*

Italy-GM: I didn't write any press for last issue!!!

GM-Italy: My apologies. Some Austrian press was written with a Rome label. Under CCC house rules, which allows grey but not black press, I should have reheaded them as Austrian.

Eduard Shevardadze:

Turkey-England: What's with the rush to crush the sultan? Don't blush! Just hush! (Before you feel the back end of the harem's brush) \*Grin\*

Turkey-Russia: When the going gets tough, the tough get going!

Berlin-Paris: Nothing like discovering that the Kick Me sign on your back was written by your own hand.

France-England: Steve do you watch the *Drew Carey Show*?! Bite me dough boy!

France-Germany: Two words for you. Vichy France.

London-Berlin: Please be nice to me!

England-Russia: I envy yours as well. As a songwriter once said, "When you got nothin', you got nothin' to lose." Actually I wouldn't mind taking the Italian position.

## Bonefish Turn Six

|                             |           |   |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---|
| David Hood                  | Plays C10 | Starts Luxor, buys 1 Worldwide, 2 Luxor |
| Vince "The Drill" Lutterbie | Plays A9  | Buys 3 Luxor                            |
| Pat Conlon                  | Plays H4  | Buys 3 American                         |
| Ed Rothenheber              | Plays C5  | Buys 3 Festival                         |

|                | A   | C   | F   | I   | L   | T   | W   | \$   |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Size           | 2   | 3   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 5   | 4   | —    |
| Price          | 300 | 500 | 300 | 400 | 200 | 500 | 500 | —    |
| Bank           | 8   | 18  | 15  | 24  | 19  | 5   | 15  | —    |
| P. Conlon      | 6   | 4   | 4   | -   | -   | 3   | 3   | 600  |
| D. Hood        | -   | -   | -   | -   | 3   | 7   | 7   | 1900 |
| V. Lutterbie   | 4   | -   | -   | -   | 3   | 10  | -   | 2400 |
| E. Rothenheber | 7   | 3   | 6   | 1   | -   | -   | -   | 1200 |

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Deadline: Turn seven orders are due August 20.

Order: Lutterbie, Conlon, Rothenheber, Hood

## Seydlitz Turn 14/15

2:42 AM: With time (and ammunition) running short, both sides in this battle are making desperate moves to sink the enemy. On the *Ajax*, her senior surviving officer orders all guns to open fire on the *Ariel*, just 1,200 yards or so distant. For good measure, he'd probably order a torpedo fired too, but none are left. With that option gone, he orders the cruiser to try and run down the little (okay, 600 ton) Italian torpedo boat.

On the *Ariel*, the target of the moment is the *Ajax*. As might be expected, the *Ajax* gets the better of the action. Though taking a few minor hits, she places numerous six-inch shells in the *Ariel*. All guns are knocked out of action, while the already badly damaged hull takes more abuse as ready use ammunition starts to explode. The *Ariel's* valiant crew, meanwhile heads for the

lifeboats as she is reduced to a floating wreck. Oh, and the *Ajax* didn't manage to ram her smaller opponent.

The remainder of the Italian force, under somewhat confused command (something about the orders submitted being the same as for the previous turn...), both destroyers opt to simply sail straight or generally toward the enemy. This, combined with a turn toward the enemy (or at least the *Camicia Nera*, the nearest enemy ship) allows the *Ajax* to cross the *Camicia Nera* from the rear and the hard-charging *Artigliere* from the front.

Orders for the final turn (turn fifteen gunnery, turn sixteen movement, and turn sixteen gunnery) are due August 20. Players: Teresa Armstrong is commanding the *Ajax* while Keith Oschman is the Italian commander.

| Ship                | Speed | Plot                   | Direction | Notes |
|---------------------|-------|------------------------|-----------|-------|
| <i>Ajax</i>         | 3     | Z10-Z9-Y9-X8 (60°)     | 6         |       |
| <i>Alcoine</i>      | ?     | ?                      | ?         |       |
| <i>Ariel</i>        | 1     | Y8-Y7                  | 6/down    | Sunk  |
| <i>Artigliere</i>   | 5     | P10-Q10-R11-S10-T10-U9 | 1         |       |
| <i>Camicia Nera</i> | 5     | V6-W5-X7-Y7-Z8-AA8     | 2         |       |

## Random Notes

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information, contact Buz Eddy, 7500 - 212th Street N.W., Suite 207, Edmonds WA 98026. I shall not be attending, as the fall semester starts the 25th, and my birthday is on the 22nd.

Another long-running Diplomacy zine has folded. Citing a lack of interest in the games it was running, John Boardman has ceased publication of *Empire* after 417 issues. He does continue to put out the even longer running *Graustark*, which features an opening in Diplomacy. Earlier this year, Herb Barents folded *Boast* after some 414 issues; he could not find players to continue to fill games. It is not a good sign when publications are folding because they can no longer generate enough interest and support in a declining hobby to justify continued publication.

**Tim Lurz**

Here is a question for you. How many German submarines were captured by the US in WWI. I have a German U-boat commander's leather pea jacket and the guy who gave it to me said it was taken from the commander of the only German U-boat captured by the US in WWI. Comments?

»Well, at best the guy's story is at least half wrong. Both V.E. Tarrant's *The U-Boat Offensive 1914-1945* and Conway's state that no German submarines were captured during World War I. Two were sunk and raised to enter service with the Allies during the war; the United States was not involved in either case. In fact, the U.S. played only a minor part in the war at sea during WWI; the British did the heavy lifting.

What I think he is referring to is the sinking of the *U-58*. On November 17, 1917, the large German submarine *U-58* was engaged and sunk by the American destroyer *Fanning* off Milford Haven. The U-Boat was heavily damaged by depth charges; however, she did manage to surface and all but one of her crew were rescued. So it is possible that the jacket could have come from G. Amberger, the *U-58*'s commander. The incident is quite well reported in works on the American naval involvement in the Great War; this was the

only undisputed case of an American ship sinking a U-Boat. If it really is Amberger's jacket, it is worth a great deal. Authenticating that is almost impossible though. There are any number of other ways someone could come into possession of such a jacket.

**Paul Raphael**

Well I lie! I have been a lot busy. There were assignments to attend to, and an exam to study for. I just sat on Tuesday, July 1, and feel like I did OK. I'll just have to wait for the results though to make sure. On top of all that, of course, is a whole barrow full of cow patties in relation to work, and training courses and all that stuff. But that is all incidental. I have a week off, so it is time to catch up with a few games before the next box of correspondence materials arrives for semester 2.

What do you mean you are not fit and well? You should be taking care of yourself you know, otherwise you'll end up in a long care facility looked after by a half trained bunch of well-meaning incompetents. Believe me, I've seen it. Nothing is more important than keeping your health together, so get to it and do what you have to do. That's official!

»I've had a cough since last September. Two months ago, I had a broncoscopy to determine the cause. (They put you under and stick a probe into your lungs to see what everything looks like and to get samples.) Previous tests had ruled out asthma and two different types of antibiotics hadn't helped. The results show nothing too serious. I apparently have something called aspiration; stomach contents are coming up into my lungs as I sleep, which might cause the coughing. I also have elevated lymphocyte counts in my lung tissue, which could come from either a viral or environmental cause. Small amounts of silica were found in my lungs; my doctor assumes that exposure to chalk dust is causing this. So, for now, the solution is just to not eat three hours or less before I go to bed (you try it...), sleep with the head of my bed raised six inches, and avoid using chalk when I teach. Oh, and I'm still coughing as badly as ever, especially when I take a walk or am otherwise physically active.

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